

**Vesper propers, October 22, 2017**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**The holy bishop Abercius, equal to the apostles and wonderworker**, at Hieropolis in Phrygia, a disciple of Christ the good Shepherd, of whom it is said that he made a journey through different areas and nourished the faith with a mystical food. He preached throughout Syria and Mesopotamia, and went to the Lord in great old age at the end of the second century. (2nd century)

**The holy seven children of Ephesus** During the persecution of the emperor Decius, seven young soldiers refused to sacrifice to idols. Tradition says that their names were: Maximilian, Iamblichus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodianus, and Antoninus. They concealed themselves in a cave outside of Ephesus, and the emperor had them sealed into the cave to kill them. In the reign of the Christian emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), there arose a dispute about the veracity of the Christian teaching on the resurrection of the dead. The youths awoke, testified to the true teaching, and one week later died. (250 and 454) *(Also remembered on August 4.)*

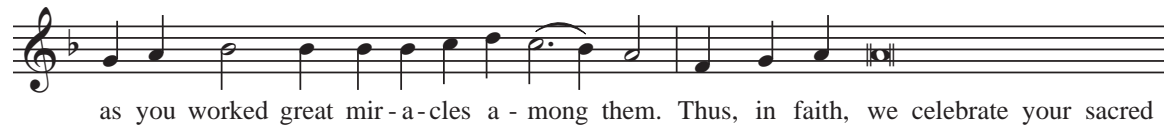
*Supplement for **The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost**, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 48), stichera 10-7.*

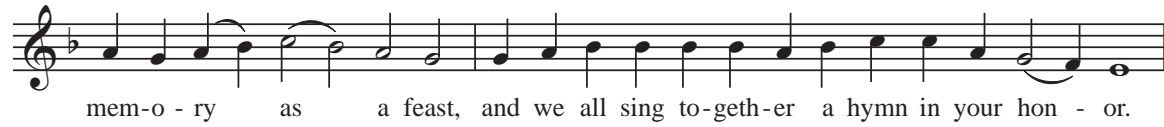
**Cantor:**           *(Tone 2)* If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
*(on 6)*                 But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

**Stichera of the holy bishop Abercius - Tone 2 podobn: Jehda ot dreva**

With the light of your di-vine teach-ings, O fa-ther A-ber-cius,  
you brought an end to the night of the man-y false gods. You rose  
like the dawn mak-ing chil-dren of the day of those who once lay in dark-ness,

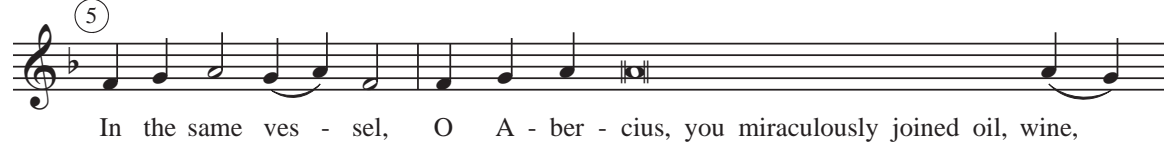


as you worked great mir-a-cles a-mong them. Thus, in faith, we celebrate your sacred



mem-o-ry as a feast, and we all sing to-geth-er a hymn in your hon-or.

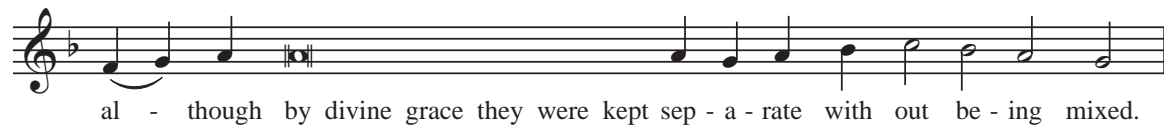
**Cantor:** My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.



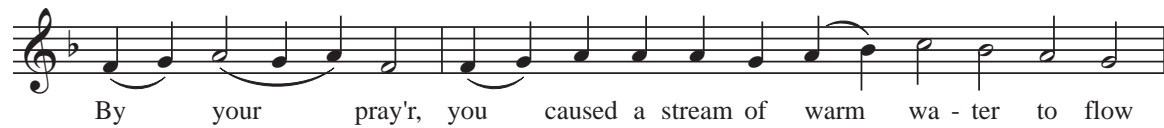
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In the same ves-sel, O A-ber-cius, you miraculously joined oil, wine,



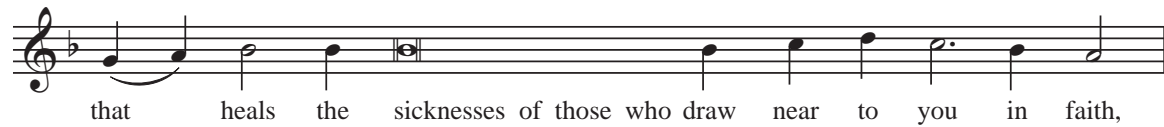
and an-oth-er sub-stance, so that they could all be served from it,



al-though by divine grace they were kept sep-a-rate with-out be-ing mixed.



By your pray'r, you caused a stream of warm wa-ter to flow



that heals the sicknesses of those who draw near to you in faith,



call-ing you bless-ed, O ho-ly A-ber-cius.

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

that our souls be saved from all the dan - gers that theat - en them.

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Glory...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 53)*

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 54).*

*Troparia in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 57).*

Com - plete - ly con - se - crat - ed to God O ho - ly A - ber - cius,

you were seen to be a keeper of his di - vine com - mand - ments.

Hav - ing re - ceived grace from on high, you turned a - way

var - i - ous sick - nesses from men, expelled de - mons and cast down their al - tars.

O bless - ed one, you im - plant - ed the knowl - edge of God

in those whom, to their shame, ignor - ance had once placed in dan - ger.

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of the holy bishop Abercius - Tone 4 podoben: Jako dobl'a**

The bless - sed young men, o - be - di - ent to the com - mand - ments of God

re - fused the impious commandment of the ty - rant. In chains, they loos - ened the

chains of er - ror. Re - nounc ing the hon - ors of this world,  
 they ob - tained the hon - or which made them fa - mous and won for them the joys  
 of the King - dom on high.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**  
 (on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

②  
 You coura - ge - ous - ly giir - ded your - selves for the strug - gles of mar - tyr - dom.  
 You were bur - ied in a cave as you cease - less - ly prayed to the Lord to grant you the  
 strength to per - se - vere. But for reas - ons known on - ly to him - self,  
 the Lover of us all divine - ly com - mand - ed you to sleep in peace.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
 (on 1) he is faithful forever.

①  
 Come all, and let us ear - nest - ly hymn the wit - ness - es of pi - e - ty,

the di - vine - ly assembled regiment and the bles - sed choir, the in - vinc - ible compa - ny  
 of mar - tyr - s and the beautiful tri - umph of the Church of God., the in - div - is - i - ble  
 assembly and the un - van - quished ar - my, the unshaka - ble foun - da - tion  
 of pi - e - ty.

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the holy bishop Abercius- Tone 3 samohlasen**

Ven - 'ra - ble hier - arch and bless - ed fa - ther, ser - vant of Christ and  
 won - der - work - er, A - bercius, you shone with a pro - phet - ic life  
 and were a - dorned with the charisms of the A - pos - tles. Now you cease - lessly celebrate  
 the Sav - ior in heav - en; en - treat him, together with the an - gels,